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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:)	
HIDEKI MORISHIMA, ET AL.)	Examiner: A. Chang
Appln. No.: 09/772,989)	Group Art Unit: 2872
Filed: January 31, 2001)	
For: STEREOSCOPIC IMAGE DISPLAY)	May 12, 2003
METHOD AND STEREOSCOPIC)	
IMAGE DISPLAY APPARATUS)	
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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF PREVIOUSLY-FILED PAPERS
AND
REQUEST FOR REFUND

Sir:

Applicants request that prosecution on the merits of this allowed application be re-opened to consider the Third Supplemental Amendment filed November 15, 2002 and the Information Disclosure Statement filed February 4, 2003, each of which was filed prior to mailing of the Notice of Allowance on February 11, 2003. In order to ensure consideration of these papers, Applicant is filing a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) concurrently herewith in lieu of paying the Issue Fee. However, Applicant submits

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that the RCE should not be necessary to obtain consideration of the aforementioned papers, and therefore Applicants respectfully request a refund of the RCE fee.

Facts

Applicants filed an RCE on November 6, 2002 and filed a Third Supplemental Amendment on November 15, 2002. Applicants also filed an Information Disclosure Statement on February 4, 2003. Subsequently, Applicants received a Notice of Allowance dated February 11, 2003.

Upon review of the Notice of Allowance, Applicants discovered that the November 15, 2002 Amendment had not been entered and considered by the Examiner. Also, the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of all the references cited in the February 4, 2003 IDS was not attached, and therefore all of that art has not been made of record. Applicants' representative contacted the Examiner by telephone. After she obtained the PTO file for this application, Applicants' representative provided additional copies of documents that were missing from the PTO file.

Since the Third Supplemental Amendment and the February 4, 2003 Information Disclosure Statement were timely filed, each of those should have been considered. Applicants believe that prosecution on the merits should now be reopened for consideration of those papers. However, since today is the due date for payment of the Issue Fee, Applicants' representative is concerned that the application may unintentionally go abandoned if the Issue Fee is not paid.

Accordingly, an RCE is being filed concurrently herewith, to ensure that this application is not abandoned. However, Applicants submit that the RCE should not be necessary to reopen prosecution and obtain consideration of the above-mentioned papers.

Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that prosecution be reopened and that the RCE fee submitted with the request be refunded.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,



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